CLAIMS

1. A method for suppressing silence frames in a stream of media, the method comprising:

receiving a stream of media from a user; and suppressing at least one silence frame from the received stream of media.

- 2. The method of claim 1, wherein said suppressing includes suppressing an initial silence frame situated before a first media frame.
- 3. The method of claim 1, wherein said suppressing includes suppressing all initial silence frames situated before a first media frame.
- 4. The method of claim 1, wherein said suppressing includes suppressing a silence frame situated between two successive media frames.
- 5. The method of claim 4, wherein said suppressing a silence frame includes suppressing the silence frame that is in access of a predetermined number of silence frames situated between the two successive media frames.
- 6. The method of claim 5, wherein said suppressing the silence frame includes suppressing the silence frame that follows a first predetermined number of silence frame following a first media frame and precedes a second predetermined number of silence frame proceeding a media frame subsequent to the first media frame.
- 7. A computer-readable medium storing codes for enabling a processor to perform a method for suppressing silence frames in a stream of media, the method comprising:

receiving a stream of media from a user; and suppressing at least one silence frame from the received stream of media.

8. The computer-readable medium of claim 7, wherein said suppressing includes suppressing an initial silence frame situated before a first media frame.

- 9. The computer-readable medium of claim 7, wherein said suppressing includes suppressing all initial silence frames situated before a first media frame.
- 10. The computer-readable medium of claim 7, wherein said suppressing includes suppressing a silence frame situated between two successive media frames.
- 11. The computer-readable medium of claim 10, wherein said suppressing a silence frame includes suppressing the silence frame that is in access of a predetermined number of silence frames situated between the two successive media frames.
- 12. The computer-readable medium of claim 11, wherein said suppressing the silence frame includes suppressing the silence frame that follows a first predetermined number of silence frame following a first media frame and precedes a second predetermined number of silence frame proceeding a media frame subsequent to the first media frame.
- 13. An apparatus for suppressing silence frames in a stream of media, comprising:

means for receiving a stream of media from a user; and

means for suppressing at least one silence frame from the received stream of media.

- 14. The apparatus of claim 13, wherein said means for suppressing includes means for suppressing an initial silence frame situated before a first media frame.
- 15. The apparatus of claim 13, wherein said means for suppressing includes means for suppressing all initial silence frames situated before a first media frame.
- 16. The apparatus of claim 13, wherein said means for suppressing includes means for suppressing a silence frame situated between two successive media frames.
- 17. The apparatus of claim 16, wherein said means for suppressing a silence frame includes means for suppressing the silence frame that is in access of a

predetermined number of silence frames situated between the two successive media frames.

- 18. The apparatus of claim 17, wherein said means for suppressing the silence frame includes means for suppressing the silence frame that follows a first predetermined number of silence frame following a first media frame and precedes a second predetermined number of silence frame proceeding a media frame subsequent to the first media frame.
- 19. An apparatus for suppressing silence frames in a stream of media, comprising:
 - a receiver capable of receiving information;
 - a transmitter capable of transmitting information; and
- a processor capable of carrying out a method for suppressing silence frames in a stream of media, the method comprising:

receiving a stream of media from a user; and suppressing at least one silence frame from the received stream of media.

- 20. The apparatus of claim 19, wherein said suppressing includes suppressing an initial silence frame situated before a first media frame.
- 21. The apparatus of claim 19, wherein said suppressing includes suppressing all initial silence frames situated before a first media frame.
- 22. The apparatus of claim 19, wherein said suppressing includes suppressing a silence frame situated between two successive media frames.
- 23. The apparatus of claim 22, wherein said suppressing a silence frame includes suppressing the silence frame that is in access of a predetermined number of silence frames situated between the two successive media frames.
- 24. The apparatus of claim 23, wherein said suppressing the silence frame includes suppressing the silence frame that follows a first predetermined number of

silence frame following a first media frame and precedes a second predetermined number of silence frame proceeding a media frame subsequent to the first media frame.